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This is supposed to be the last of the series under the title of the Huntersville road. It has been said that I got stalled on that road and have not been able to get off of it since. There are at least two reasons for hash. The first is that it is a popu lar dish especially with the aged and the other is that there is nothing else in the house to set before the family. A large turkey in a small of family finally appears in hash, and if N I have to eat turkey I prefer it in la hash, for many cookings disguise the | cl reptilian nature of the dish. And if a it should hereafter appear that some thing else is offered on this subject it will be because the goods expected did not come.

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One of the most remarkable inci dents of intelligence and devotion to their human cousins is the tradition 0 about the Cackley pigeons. Some thing over a hundred years ago a citizen named William Cackley, a son of the pioneer Valentine Cackley, lived on the farm now owned and operated by Frel W. Ruckman, at 9 Marvin Chapel, on the Seneca Trail 8 eight miles below Marlinton at the Stephen Sewell run. His wife was f Jennie Gay, a daughter of Robert 1 Gay, who lived just above Marlinton t on the river, William Cackiey kept a store at that place. He decided to t move to Huntersville. This must o have been just about the time that p Huntersville had begun to boom by r reason of being the county seat of the re new county of Pocahontas. He did g not go into the town but settled on |co Cummings Creek in sight of the a court house. At Marvin Mrs. Cack- hi ley had a flock, of pigeons. When they came to move she decided that the it was not worth while to move the burning pigeons. They were hard to patch was and of no intrinsic value. And they from

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The distance from Marvin to Hun tersville by way of Marlins Bottom is fourteen miles. The family moved one day and the next morning at daybreak when the family woke and looked out, every pigeon was seen on an oak tree near the house. They had followed the family.

This William Cackley was a very throu prominent man in the history of the I ha county. He was a captain in the war of 1812. Served several terms in the legislature. He was sheriff of the county. But he later moved to Illinois and while he had a large number of children not many of his descendants live in this county. His daughter Leah married John Hog-

sett and lived on Elk. I got a letter the other day from my friend, Charles B. Johnson, the distinguished lawyer of Harrison county. He had caught the name Cackley in some of these romances, and he identifies himself with them having been descended from a brother of Valentine Cackley. He has accumulated a great many details of | the the family. He writes me that the Cackleys of a hundred and fifty to l two hundred years ago were much 65, milling and that fits in hors

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horse that he horse with the one that came to Wincheste. Virginia, there married Mary Frye and branched off from the rest of the family and settled at Mill Point during the Revolution. This the was Valentine Cackley. He built the first mill at Mill Point. The place was first called Cackleytown but gradually took on the name of Mill Point. It was at a place where the swift flowing waters of Stamping Creek could be used for power. Val entine Cackley was the rich man of the community. He had a flour mill, a tilt hammer, a saw mill, a tannery, a store, and great farms. His house was where Lanty McNeel lives and where the fort was. It was to this fort that the Bridger boys were brought when they had been shot to death by the Indians in Bridgers Gap three miles north of this place.

I have been trying to get a line on Sir Eric Geddes and the Huntersville road as so many insist that he was about here in the eighties or nineties. I cannot be absolutely sure, but I think I remember him being at my Matanghlin's on the

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about here in the eightles or nineties. I cannot be absolutely sure, but I think I remember him being at my Uncle Andy McLaughlin's on the Huntersville road somewhere about 1890. I base this on the numerous reports that he showed up in this part of West Virginia, and on the strength ef my identification of a photograph of the days of his prime. If I recollect aright he was a huge young fellow lumbering along with a still hugher Englishman.

Here are some of the details of his American experience printed after he became England's right hand man in the great war. Geddes is Scotch and was born in India in 1872. In 1889 he came to America and landed in New York. He traveled in the steerage. He left home against his father's wishes and when he left his father gave him a check for fifteen pounds to be used when he got home sick for a passage home from New York. His first job was in New

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From there he came to West Vir ginia and got a job as a section hand on the Baltimore and Ohio rallway. and the engineer in charge of his part of the railroad was L. F. Loree, the the great railway magnate of the present time.

From there Geddes seems to have landed somewhere over in the central part of the State, possibly on the West Virginia Pittsburgh which was being built into the Gauley country in 1890. The account says the station was called Nicolette but I can not figure out whether this was the place that he worked first in West Virginia or where he got in charge of the station. And I cannot locate NIcolette in West Virginia. At the last station he worked on he had a chance to study train dispatching and telegraphy under a young woman operator and when she married and resigned her job Geddes was put in charge of the station This is where he lived in an abandoned freight car. Later he left the railroad and worked in the woods. Probably on the waspace to evi- ters of Ganley River

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BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER

If parents will have their children memorize a Bible selection each week, it will prove a priceless heritage to them in after years

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